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AT WESTCHESTER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



FIRST NATIONAL AFFILIATE
OF THE
LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16 - FREE & Open to the Public
11 a.m. - 12 noon

**Stone Cottage Garden Dedication
Talk on: "Wildflower Revival"**
Light Refreshments will be served

Garden Conservancy Open Day

12 noon - 4 p.m.

FREE Guided Tours of both gardens
1p.m. & 3 p.m. - Dr. Damon Waitt
"Native Plant Discussion"

July 30 - Dolores Santoliquido

"Drawing the Plants You Love" Hands-On

September 24

Champagne/Bufferet Gala

**"Visions of Nature" Art & Photography
Show and Sale - Meet the Artists**

September 25 - October 1

**The Native Plant Center's Art &
Photography Show and Sale**
Free & Open to the Public

September 27, 28

- Luncheon Lectures:

"Fashionable Framing: Doing it Frugally"
Patricia Henderson

**Additional Art Show lecture topics
and speakers will announced in Show
Invitation mailed in August**

NPC Members' Only Field Trips
Lasdon Park & Arboretum - Date TBA

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL
EVENTS LISTED ABOVE, UNLESS
OTHERWISE STATED**
(914) 606-7870

JULY 16TH DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE STONE COTTAGE GARDEN

Join in the celebration!
The Stone Cottage Garden

Dedication ceremony will be held on **Saturday, July 16th at 11 a.m.**

Numerous private donors, local government representatives, volunteers, NPC members, garden clubs and event attendees have contributed to the construction of The Stone Cottage Garden over the past few years.

The ceremony will include a talk on *Wildflower Revival: A National Perspective* by Susan Rieff, executive director, and Damon Waitt, director, National Plant Network. Both are from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin Texas.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Dr. Waitt will speak informally with visitors about native



Photo by: Cece Fabbro

plants as they tour *The NPC* gardens. These discussions will be held at 1 and 3 p.m. Join us as our guest. Our hope is to thank everyone for their continued

support of our mission: To educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants in the Northeast.

In case of inclement weather, the Dedication will be held indoors. If you plan on attending the ceremony, please RSVP soon by phoning (914) 606-7870.

Additionally, the 5th Annual Garden Conservancy Open Day Tours will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. Park in Lot # 1. Tours are FREE and open to the public, rain or shine. Bring a friend and enjoy the beauty of both our gardens.

We look forward to seeing you at both events!

EXCITING ADDITIONS ARE PLANNED FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL VISIONS OF NATURE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW & SALE

The 2005 *Visions of Nature* Art Show invitations are being labeled as you read this article. Be sure to attend this year's Show and the festivities. Exciting new artists and photographers will join in with some previous Show participants.

On Saturday, September 24, from 5 to 8 p.m., the *Meet the Artists* Champagne/Bufferet Gala will be held.

Last year, over 125 guests experienced nature at its finest; indoors,

that is. Music wafted through the air as a trio entertained the group. As guests noshed on their hors d'oeuvres and viewed artwork, they drank in more than just champagne.

Invitations will be mailed at the end of August with a complete list of events.



"Tulip" © Meriel Rutherford

**SATURDAY, JULY 30: DRAWING THE PLANTS YOU LOVE: AN
INTERACTIVE CLASS WITH ARTIST DOLORES SANTOLIQUIDO
PHONE (914) 606-7870 TO REGISTER FOR THIS OUTDOOR CLASS**

CONTINUOUS SUPPORTERS

Our deepest thanks go to our previous members who continue to support our mission: educating people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants in the Northeast.

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THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES TO GROW IN 2005 AT THE NATIVE PLANT CENTER . . .

GARDEN ESTATE TOUR . . .

Phillis Warden guides garden enthusiasts around her Bedford Hills garden. *The Native Plant Center* fund-raising event was attended by more than 80 pleased visitors.



Photos by: Cece Fabbro



SPRING 2005 TRIP TO MT. CUBA CENTER . . .



Photo by: M.J. Wilson

A Must See: Former du Pont Copeland estate is preserved as the non-profit Mt. Cuba Center.

In dappled shade and sunlit clearings, NPC visitors saw thousands of wildflowers in drifts in natural woodland settings at the extraordinary Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware. This day trip began with a visit to the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, where the toxic parking lot water runoff flows into a native marsh meadow and is purified.

DESPITE RAIN - 6TH ANNUAL WILDFLOWER & NATIVE PLANT SALE PROFITS SOARED 10% ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

Loyal supporters of native plants came out in the hundreds on an inclement day. Spirits were high as the customers scooped up armfuls of over 60 different varieties of natives. This year's committee members not only selected the plants, they also grew some of them. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of the Plant Sale volunteers.

Non-members should phone (914)606-7870 to receive a FREE copy of the 2006 Plant Pre-Sale list which will be mailed out February 2006. Join as a member to support future events held at *The Native Plant Center*.



Sandy Morrissey wins one of many Plant Sale raffle prizes.

NPC MEMBERS' ONLY FIELD TRIPS

Photos and text by Cece Fabbro

Stonecrop Gardens, which consists of 63 acres of gardens, fields and woodlands, was the destination of a group of NPC members on May 19. Pictured here is one of the garden's highlights, a massive rock ledge which leads to the lake and is planted with sweeps of alpines, dwarf conifers, shrubs and Mediterranean plants.



On June 1, a group met at Kensico Cemetery to learn about the Cemetery's five year plan to incorporate native plantings into its landscape. Here, Richard Schnall, vice-president of Rosedale Nurseries, discusses the plan with the group and points out the native trees, shrubs and perennials that have been planted to date.

NATIVE NEWS

Brooke M. Beebe



Barbara Fischer presented with the Green Thumbs Award by Dr. Hankin, president of WCC.

We are happy to announce that Barbara Fischer received the 2005 Green Thumbs Award at the annual WCC Volunteer Luncheon in June. For those of you who don't know, Barbara coordinates the volunteers for our Plant Sale every year as well as serves on *The NPC* Steering Committee. She organized students from her greenhouse program at Children's Village to plant some of the Stone Cottage Garden at WCC. Past recipients associated with *The NPC* include: Cynthia Sammis, Libby Wagner, Susan Cherbuliez, and our Plant Sale Committee. Congratulations, Barbara!

For a listing of our most current events, visit us on the web at www.nativeplantcenter.org or phone our Events Line at (914) 606-7870, Option # 1.

On May18, I was asked to speak about native plants at a meeting of the Bedford Audubon Society. This chapter is in the process of developing a property called Bylane Farm, and will use the simple concepts of the Audubon at Home program to encourage and support birds and other wildlife. For information on this program, visit www.audubon.org/bird/at_home. We will keep a close eye on this exciting venture, and keep you posted. In the meantime, visit the Bedford Chapter's website at www.bedfordaudubon.org for more information and some fabulous spring flower photos by Carol Gracie.

The Annual Appeal has raised \$6000 for the good works of *The NPC*. We would like to thank again all our generous supporters who contributed to this appeal and help us continue to meet our goals.

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Cynthia Sammis and Brooke Beebe at awards luncheon.

The Native Plant Center is proud to announce that it was presented an award from the Ninth District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. The Lady Bird Johnson and Stone Cottage Demonstration Gardens were recognized.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our deepest thanks go to our members who support us, and we encourage you to join them.

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STONE COTTAGE GARDEN DONATIONS

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MEMBER DONATIONS CONTRIBUTE 22% OF *THE NPC* OPERATING BUDGET - JOIN TODAY!

Help fulfill Lady Bird Johnson's vision of a more naturally beautiful America. Consider joining today! Past contributions have enabled us to enter the new millennium with the assurance that our native plants will be a permanent part of our local landscape.

Your contribution is directly related to our success. As a member, you may participate in upcoming events for free or for a discounted fee.

\$30 Friend

Help support our programs and operations

Benefits include:

- Advance notice of all Symposia, lectures and garden tours
- 10% discount on Symposia and classes
- Invitation to *Members' Only* NPC Field Trips

\$60 Dual Member

Be a friend of both *The Native Plant Center* and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas

Benefits include all of the above, plus:

- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center benefits:
- Award winning magazine, *Native Plants*
 - **10% Discount on Smith & Hawkin In-Store Purchases**
 - 10% discount on *Wild Ideas*: Store & Catalog; Free admission to Austin Center
 - **Reciprocal privileges at more than 100 gardens around the country**
 - Discounts on Clearinghouse information

\$75 Household Member and Garden Clubs/Organizations

Benefits include all of the above, plus:

- 10% discount on Symposia and lectures for **TWO** household members

\$125 - \$999 Sustaining Member

Sustain outreach projects and activities of *The Native Plant Center*

Benefits include all the above plus a FREE Gift Certificate (\$30 Value)

\$1,000-\$4,999 Conservator

Help build and maintain demonstration gardens

Benefits include all of the above, plus:

- Gift book about wildflowers

\$5,000 + Heritage Circle

Assume a leadership role in *The Native Plant Center*

Benefits include all of the above, plus:

- Teak garden bench at college with inscribed brass plaque

Native Plant Center Membership Form

Phone: (914) 606-7870 Fax: (914) 606-6143 E-mail: wcc.nativeplant@sunywcc.edu

_____ \$30 Friend _____ \$60 Dual _____ \$75 Household (Suggested Garden Club Level)

_____ \$125 - \$999 Sustaining _____ \$1,000 - \$4,999 Conservator _____ \$5,000 + Heritage Circle

_____ I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____ *Gift membership in the amount of \$ _____

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